

EXPOSE SCANDAL IN SHOEMAKER DEATH AND SUIT

Say Pittsburger's "Wife" Was Not Such In Law. Insurance Men Allege His Recent Death Was Suicide.

PITTSBURG, May 8.—Social Pittsburg is threatened with an upheaval the like of which has not been experienced in years—no, not even in the Hartje divorce scandal.

It is declared that four large insurance companies, which have been sued for an aggregate of \$50,000 in insurance policies by Mrs. Ella Heflic Shoemaker, when the suit comes up for trial in the United States circuit court, will spring some surprises. Among them is the assertion that the beautiful Mrs. Shoemaker, who quitted her social life for some years as the wife of Alva P. Shoemaker, was not his wife at all, and that Shoemaker perjured himself in taking out insurance when he asserted that the woman was his wife.

Was Shoemaker a Suicide? Not only this, but the insurance companies will charge that Shoemaker, on finding his so-called wife with a wealthy man in a Pittsburgh hotel, had a fist fight with him, and, being worsted, dashed from the hotel and threw himself under a train on the night of December 12, 1905, committing suicide, and that he was not killed accidentally, as the coroner's jury has set forth.

It was said that at least two of the millionaire colony at Pittsburgh have been dragged into the case. Francis L. Robbins, former president of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, now head of the River coal combine, has been subpoenaed as a star witness, and Alexander R. Peacock, former young partner of Andrew Carnegie, also will be placed on the witness stand.

Peacock Knew Shoemaker's Habits. It is charged that Mr. Peacock, who knew much about Mr. Shoemaker, will be asked to substantiate the claim by the different insurance companies that Shoemaker was "extravagant, reckless, dissolute and dissipated in habits." Shoemaker had sworn that he was the reverse of all these when he took out his insurance papers.

It is said that within a year before his death Mr. Shoemaker, who was one of Pittsburgh's high rollers, took out four accident policies of \$10,000 each in the following companies:

Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York; Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York; the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.; and the Central Accident Company, of Pittsburgh.

Companies Refuse Payment. Each of these companies has refused payment of the policies to Mrs. Shoemaker, and, though suits were entered in the cases almost a year ago, all it be kept quiet about this affair until it be

Figures in the Case

Plaintiff.

Ella Heflic Shoemaker, social leader and widow of Alva P. Shoemaker, who is suing insurance companies for \$40,000 on her husband's policies. The companies say she was not Shoemaker's wife when the policies were taken out, and that he committed suicide after a fist fight about her.

Witnesses.

Francis L. Robbins, millionaire head of the "river coal combine" and for years a powerful soft coal operator.

Alexander R. Peacock, former partner of Andrew Carnegie, who will be asked to testify as to Shoemaker's alleged riotous living.

Defendants.

Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York.

Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York.

Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford.

Central Accident Company of Pittsburgh.

It is understood that not a breath of scandal attaches to Mr. Peacock, but that he is simply wanted as an expert witness as to the willfulness of Shoemaker.

Robbins' Name Involved. The name of Robbins was associated with that of Mr. Shoemaker both before and after the death of Shoemaker.

Betting is even in Pittsburgh that the suit will never be allowed to come to trial, though it is placed on the calendar of the United States circuit court here for opening May 20.

Tried to Suppress Story. There has been the greatest effort made to keep the story quiet. Rumor has it that at least one and possibly two divorce suits are now under way over the death of Shoemaker, but that money of all persons interested has smothered all papers in the county courthouse.

W. Willis Burnett, of Allegheny, on whom a subpoena was served, has disappeared, and ugly allegations are made. Burnett, it appears, was waiter at a Pittsburgh hotel where Mrs. Shoemaker went on the night of December 2, 1905, and there was a woman with a wealthy Pittsburgh man by her husband. The insurance concerns say they are able to prove that it was deliberate suicide, and that, anyway, the woman now passing as Mrs. Shoemaker was not the wife of Shoemaker—at least, not at the time he took out the policies and swore that she was his wife.

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Died.

BOYNTON—On Tuesday, May 7, 1907, at his residence, 228 F street northwest, HENRY SUMNER BOYNTON.

He was in his eighty-eighth year and had served through the civil war. The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. J. J. Muir conducting the services. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

HARRIS—On Monday, May 6, 1907, at the Little Sisters of the Poor, ARTHUR H. HARRIS.

Funeral services this afternoon. JOHNSON—On Wednesday morning, May 8, 1907, at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., of typhoid fever, WM. H. JOHNSON, Jr., U. S. N.

Notice of funeral hereafter. ROTHGAUGH—On Tuesday, May 7, 1907, at 11:30 p. m., JEANETTE C. ROTHGAUGH, at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. K. G. Barthel, 221 John Marshall place.

She was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., twenty years ago; came to this city when a child, and was raised by her grandmother. She was educated here and stood well in her classes. For a number of years she suffered from heart trouble, which was the immediate cause of death. She was sick only five weeks.

The funeral services will be held at the residence Friday at 2 p. m. The interment will be private.

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